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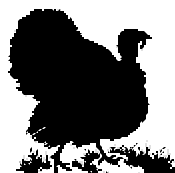
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to weak. Trading was slow. Demand was light. Offerings are fully adequate with light weight hens 8-12 lbs. the least available. Parts and meats trading was light. Demand was very light with some having coordinating problems due to trucking and shortened holiday schedules. Offerings moderate to heavy for the pre holiday period.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on limited volumes of thigh meat, tails and tom drums, balance of items inactive. Demand was very light to moderate. Supplies were in a full range.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 16, 2004**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-80	75	75.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	73-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-80	77	77.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-73	73	73.00	18	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC 17, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	75.70	78.66	66.10 **
CENTRAL REGION	78.86	79.50	64.20
WESTERN REGION	79.33	79.20 **	68.28
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	71.00	71.09	59.10 **
CENTRAL REGION	70.00	71.80	57.20
WESTERN REGION	72.80	71.90 **	61.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	112
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	112
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	85

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 20-DEC-2004

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	90.96	1,064,000
16-24 lbs.	87.71	862,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--
16-24 lbs.	--

Total Volume:	1,926,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 11-Dec-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT CHG PW	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED -THOUSAND HEAD-	AVG LIVE WT
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>					
North East	762	-13	22.68	(A) 763	22.68
South Atlantic	609	-15	37.71	(A) 609	37.71
North Central	1,985	0	33.10	(A) 1,985	33.10
South Central	613	17	21.61	(A) 613	21.61
West	498	35	21.94	(A) 498	21.94
U.S. total	4,467(B)	0	28.99	1 4,468	28.99
To-date					
2004	213,642(B)		353	213,995	
To-date					
2003	231,874(B)		596	232,470	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 46,000; for the current year to date 2,511,000; for last year to date 3,107,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November	429,899*
December 1-11, 2004	165,892*

To date 2004	4,805,082*
To date 2003	5,147,637*

*Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 11-Dec-2004

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
<u>Thousands</u>					
Head	1,850	2,571	46	1	4,468
Avg Wt	16.05	38.35	26.46	34.54	28.99
Last week	1,718	2,686	61	23	4,488
Same wk yr ago	2,132	2,805	35	1	4,973
Avg Wt	15.44	35.28	24.84	52.33	26.71
To-date/2004	85,510	125,621	2,511	353	213,995
To-date/2003	93,464	135,303	3,107	596	232,470

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 DECEMBER 2004.

The market tone on tom drums and wings was steady to barely steady, necks steady at best. Demand slow to instances moderate with spot interest noted on fresh to help supplement holiday processing schedules. Offerings varied by plant and ranged from tight to fully adequate. Trading slow to moderate centering on fresh tom wings and white meat for domestic shipments. For domestic (fresh): tom wings 46-48.75, scapula 123, breast trim 140 cents delivered. Tom necks traded at 27 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	135.00-158.00		148.73	67
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	40.00		40.00	35
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	38.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	48.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	53.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	52.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	102.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	27.80	25
NECKS, HEN		F	23.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	181.00	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	214.00-216.00		214.79	162
THIGH MEAT		M	84.50	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	91.00-93.00		92.29	31
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	140.50	160
SCAPULA MEAT		W	119.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	179.00		179.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	191.00-193.00		192.07	45
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	100.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	19.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	39.43	92
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	47.00		47.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	18.50		18.50	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	20.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	86.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone was about steady for fresh white meat items, mostly steady on frozen white meat items. Fresh thigh meat was strong in part due to turkey ham production, frozen thigh meat steady. Next week's holiday schedules have affected the ability of buyers and sellers to coordinate next week's shipments. Trading on less than truck lot volumes of fresh: wing meat 126, scapula 120, breast trim 144. Non-basted 16-18 lb plant grade breast sold at 130, basted 20 lb and up plant grades at 135. Hearts moved at 28 cents. Export trading was fair with fresh tom drums at 38.5 cents to the border.

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				VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG PRICE
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/					
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	148.73	67	148.73
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/					
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	5	39.26
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	40.00	35	40.00
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	38.00	40	38.00
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	49.00		49.00	5	48.56
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	53.00	12	
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	56.00		56.00	40	54.80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	102.00	40	102.00
NECKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	5	28.00
NECKS, HEN		F	23.00	11	
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	181.00	60	179.80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	216.00		216.00	40	215.12
THIGH MEAT		M	84.50	40	84.50
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	92.29	31	92.29
BREAST TRIM MEAT	140.00		140.00	22	140.40
SCAPULA MEAT	121.00-126.00		121.65	46	120.42
TENDERLOINS					
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	177.00		177.00	80	178.11
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	100.00	40	100.00
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	192.00-193.00		192.29	70	192.20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40	20.00
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	19.00	120	19.00
EXPORT TRADING					
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00		40.00	13	39.51
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	47.00	40	47.00
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM					
TAILS	23.00		23.00	13	22.22
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	20.50	80	20.50
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	85.50-86.00		85.55	133	85.71

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